THE UNION OF LONDON SPIRITUALISTS will hold a Conference on Sunday, January 6th, at Sigdon-road Council Schools, Hackney Downs, at 7 p.m. Speakers: Messrs. G. T. Gwinn, J. Adams, P. Smyth, and A. Card.

THE UNION OF LONDON SPIRITUALISTS will hold a Conference on Sunday, January 13th, at Braemar-road, Canning Town, E. Speakers, at 3 p.m., Mr. H. Boddington; at 7 p.m., Messrs. J. Adams and M. Clegg.

HACKNEY.—SIGDON-ROAD SCHOOL, DALSTON-LANE, N.E.—On Sunday last Mrs. Weedemeyer gave successful clairvoyance, and Madame Cope kindly sang a solo. On Sunday next, at 7 p.m., London Union Conference meeting. Speakers: Messrs. G. T. Gwinn, J. Adams, P. Smythe, and A. Card.—N. R.

CLAPHAM INSTITUTE, GAUDEN-ROAD.—On Sunday last Mr. Checketts gave an interesting address on 'The Abolition of Capital Punishment,' and answered questions. Mr. R. Boddington also spoke briefly on the same subject. Sunday next, at 11.15 a.m., Lyceum and public circle; speaker at 7 p.m., Mr. D. J. Davis. Thursday next, at 8.15 p.m., psychometry. Silver collection.

OXFORD CIRCUS.—22, PRINCE'S-STREET, W.—On Sunday last Mrs. Fairclough Smith gave a beautiful trance address, and, it being the last Sunday of the year, an after-circle was held, to which everyone present remained, and more than one spoke of the help they had received. On Sunday next, Miss Violet Burton will give a trance address on 'A New Year's Message.'—P. E. B.

CHISWICK.—110, HIGH-ROAD, W.—On Sunday morning last, a control spoke earnestly on 'The Departing Year.' In the evening an interesting and forcible address by Mr. J. Macdonald Moore, on 'The Unity of Spirit,' was thoroughly enjoyed. On Monday evening a circle was held and a Watch-night service followed. On Sunday next, at 11.15 a.m., spiritual circle; speaker at 7 p.m., Mr. Edwin Haviland. Monday next, at 8.15 p.m., clairvoyant descriptions, by Mrs. Clowes.—P. S.

LUTON.—On Sunday last Mr. A. Punter gave a splendid inspirational address on 'We spend our years as a tale that is told,' and helpful clairvoyant descriptions.—C. M.

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LITTLE ILFORD.—CORNER OF THIRD-AVENUE, CHURCH-ROAD, MANOR PARK.—On Sunday last an uplifting address by Mr. J. Adams was thoroughly appreciated. Mr. H. J. Abel presided, and a good after-circle was held.—A. J.

TOTTENHAM.—193, HIGH-ROAD.—On Sunday morning last Mr. Lawrence read a highly interesting paper on 'The Life and Teaching of Mahomet.' In the evening Mr. F. Fletcher gave an admirable lecture on 'Legends and Folk-lore.'—N.T.

GLASGOW.—ASSEMBLY ROOMS, 136, BATH-STREET.—On Sunday, December 23rd, in the morning, Mr. George Young, president, delivered a splendid address on 'The Future of the Race.' In the evening Mr. James Robertson gave a magnificent address on 'Gerald Massey, Poet and Seer.'

PECKHAM.—CHEPSTOW HALL, 139, PECKHAM-ROAD.—On Sunday morning last Mr. Walters did good work. In the evening Miss F. Woodrow presided, and Miss E. Murphy gave an instructive address on 'Thoughts,' followed by good clairvoyant descriptions.—W. W.

STOKE NEWINGTON.—GOTHIC HALL, 2, BOUVERIE-ROAD.—On Sunday morning last a discussion was held. In the afternoon Mrs. Alice Webb conducted a circle. In the evening Mr. E. W. Wallis delivered a powerful and eloquent address on 'The Light that lighteth every Man.' Madame Newbold-Thorpe (R.A.M.) rendered two solos in splendid style.—S.

LEAMINGTON.—PRIORY-TERRACE.—On December 24th a free tea was given to about 210 of the poorest children here. About £10 had been collected by Spiritualists and friends, so that sufficient money remains to provide another tea on January 3rd to a similar number. A variety entertainment was given for about two hours by a number of friends, and at the close cheers were given for those who had contributed the money and those who helped in the tea and entertainment.—B.

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Form a circle of from four to eight persons, half, or at least two, of negative, passive temperament and preferably of the female sex, the rest of a more positive type. Sit, positive and negative alternately, secure against disturbance, in subdued light, round an uncovered table of convenient size. Place the palms of the hands flat upon its upper surface. The hands of each sitter need not touch those of his neighbour, though the practice is frequently adopted.

Do not concentrate attention too fixedly on the expected manifestation. Engage in cheerful but not frivolous conversation. Avoid dispute or argument. Scepticism has no deterrent effect, but a bitter spirit of opposition in a person of determined will may totally stop or decidedly impede manifestations. If conversation flags, music is a great help, if it be agreeable to all, and not of a kind to irritate the sensitive ear. Patience is essential, and it may be necessary to meet ten or twelve times at short intervals, before anything occurs. If after such a trial you still fail, form a fresh circle. An hour should be the limit of an unsuccessful séance.

If the table moves, let your pressure be so gentle on its surface that you are sure you are not aiding its motions. After some time you will probably find that the movement will continue if your hands are held *over*, but not in contact with, it. Do not, however, try this until the movement is assured, and be in no hurry to get messages.

When you think that the time has come, let someone take command of the circle and act as spokesman. Explain to the unseen Intelligence that an agreed code of signals is desirable, and ask that a tilt may be given as the alphabet is slowly repeated, at the several letters which form the word that the Intelligence wishes to spell. It is convenient to use a single tilt for No, three for Yes, and two to express doubt or uncertainty.

When a satisfactory communication has been established, ask if you are rightly placed, and if not, what order you should take. After this ask who the Intelligence purports to be, which of the company is the medium, and such relevant questions. If confusion occurs, ascribe it to the difficulty that exists in directing the movements at first with exactitude. Patience will remedy this. If you only satisfy yourself at first that it is possible to speak with an Intelligence separate from that of any person present, you will have gained much.

The signals may take the form of raps. If so, use the same code of signals, and ask as the raps become clear that they may be made on the table, or in a part of the room where they are demonstrably not produced by any natural means, but avoid any vexatious imposition of restriction on free communication. Let the Intelligence use its own means. It rests greatly with the sitters to make the manifestations elevating or frivolous and even tricky.

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STOKE NEWINGTON.—GOTHIC HALL, 2, BOUVERIE-ROAD.—On Sunday morning last Mr. Bertioli opened a discussion on 'Emanuel Swedenborg.' In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Imison gave an address and recognised clairvoyant descriptions.—S.

LITTLE ILFORD.—CORNER OF THIRD-AVENUE, CHURCH-ROAD, MANOR PARK.—On Sunday last Mr. R. Boddington's address on 'Christian Spiritualism' was much appreciated. Mr. H. J. Abel presided and conducted the after-circle.—A. J.

MANOR PARK AND EAST HAM.—OLD COUNCIL ROOMS, WAKEFIELD-STREET.—On Sunday morning last Mr. C. W. Turner's paper on 'What is Spirit?' was much appreciated. In the evening Mrs. Podmore gave an address and excellent clairvoyant descriptions.—T. B.

NORTHAMPTON.—ST. MICHAEL'S-ROAD.—On Sunday and Monday last Mrs. Dixon, of Leeds, addressed crowded audiences, and gave sixty or seventy clairvoyant descriptions, arousing much interest.—T. S.—*84, Dunster-street.*—On Sunday evening last Mrs. Comerford spoke on 'The Home Beyond' and gave recognised clairvoyant descriptions.—F. R. B.

PLYMOUTH.—ODDFELLOWS' HALL, MORLEY-STREET.—On Sunday last Mr. Le Cras spoke on 'What is Man?' and Mrs. Short gave clairvoyant descriptions. Soloist, Miss A. Ellis.—F. T. H.—*Hoe-Gate Hall, Notte-street.*—On Sunday last Mr. J. Evans gave a powerful address on 'Modern Spiritualism: The Grandest Discovery of the Age.' Miss Wakeham sang a solo, and Mr. Eales gave clairvoyant descriptions.—A. T. B.

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'THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS' for January returns to the subject of the Zancigs, and asks what the managers of the Society for Psychical Research have done to investigate the phenomena. It has been announced, probably since the 'Review of Reviews' went to press, that the S.P.R. has arranged to hold an investigation. The same 'Review' gives a summary of Professor Lombroso's article in the 'Grand Magazine,' remarking that 'the conversion of a noted man of science, who had fiercely opposed Spiritualism, into a convinced believer, is something of a sensational incident,' and that the cause of the conversion appears to have been as sensational as the effect. In an article on the problem of wealth, entitled, 'My Partners, the People,' Mr. Andrew Carnegie expresses the opinion that 'wealth will be dethroned as higher tastes prevail, and the mere man of wealth will come to realise that he has no place with the educated professional man; he occupies a distinctly lower place intellectually, and in the coming day Brain is to stand above Dollars, Conduct above both. The making of money as an aim will then be rated as an ignoble ambition. Mere wealth confers no distinction among the good or the great.'

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SOUTHPORT.—HAWKSHEAD HALL.—On Sunday last Mrs. Eva Harrison delivered eloquent addresses on 'From Faith to Knowledge' and 'The Ministry of Angels.' On Monday last Mrs. Dixon commenced a three days' mission.—E. B.

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STRATFORD.—NEW WORKMEN'S HALL, ROMFORD-ROAD.—On Sunday last Mr. A. C. Baxter's deeply interesting address on 'Spiritual Beauty' was supplemented by remarks from Mr. G. Tayler Gwinn.—W. H. S.

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BOURNEMOUTH.—On Sunday morning last a good public circle was held. In the evening Mr. J. Walker gave an eloquent address on 'Why Should We Pray?' and Mr. V. N. Turvey gave clairvoyant descriptions.—F. T. B.

LINCOLN.—UPPER ROOM ARCADE.—On Sunday last, afternoon and evening, Mr. Hilditch commenced a six days' mission with fine addresses on 'The World's Greatest Need' and 'What think ye of Christ?' followed by good clairvoyant descriptions.—C. R.

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PLYMOUTH.—ODDFELLOWS' HALL, MORLEY-STREET.—On Sunday last Captain Greenaway spoke on 'The New Theology in the Light of Modern Spiritualism,' and Mrs. Martin gave clairvoyant descriptions. Soloist, Miss E. Rowse.—F. T. H.—*Hoe-gate Hall, Notte-street.*—On Sunday last Mr. W. Evans' lecture on 'Objections to Spiritualism' aroused much interest. Mrs. Evans gave clairvoyant descriptions. Soloist, Mr. W. Greenaway. Good and appreciative audience.—A. T. B.

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IT IS INTERESTING to note that Mr. F. Campbell, brother to the Rev. R. J. Campbell, will deliver an address on Sunday next to the Spiritualists who assemble at the Institute, Gauden-road, Clapham.

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GLASGOW.—ASSEMBLY ROOMS, 136, BATH-STREET.—On Sunday last Mr. E. S. G. Mayo's thoughtful addresses on 'Theology, Old and New,' and 'A Spiritualist's Apology,' aroused marked appreciation.—H. A. K.

NORTHAMPTON.—ST. MICHAEL'S-ROAD.—On Sunday last Miss Randall, of Sheffield, addressed large audiences on 'O Death, where is thy sting?' and 'Spiritual Communion.' Mrs. Spence rendered a solo.—T. S.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—MILTON-STREET.—On Sunday morning last Mr. Whyat read a paper on 'Sin and its Atonement.' In the evening Mr. A. J. McLellan's address on 'The Awakening of a Soul into Spirit Life,' was well received, and his clairvoyant descriptions were nearly all recognised.

STOKE NEWINGTON.—GOTHIC HALL, 2, BOUVERIE-ROAD.—On Sunday morning last Mr. W. Smith spoke on 'Signs of the Times.' In the evening Miss Eileen Murphy delivered a short brilliant address on 'Spiritualism,' and gave psychometrical delineations.—S.

LITTLE ILFORD.—CORNER OF THIRD-AVENUE, CHURCH-ROAD, MANOR PARK.—On Sunday last Mr. D. J. Davis's address on 'What is Man, that Thou art mindful of him?' was well received. Mr. H. J. Abel presided, and conducted the after-circle.—A. J.

PLYMOUTH.—ODDFELLOWS' HALL, MORLEY-STREET.—On Sunday morning last, at the Corn Exchange, Captain Greenaway spoke on 'The New Theology Weighed in the Balances.' In the afternoon Mr. John Lobb related how he became a Spiritualist. In the evening he addressed a large audience on 'Interviews with the Dead; Communications from their Lips.' His visit has awakened great interest in Spiritualism. Chairman at both meetings, Mr. H. Rabbich, of Paignton.—H.

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PLYMOUTH.—ODDFELLOWS' HALL, MORLEY-STREET.—On the 13th inst. Mrs. Pollard gave clairvoyant descriptions. On Sunday last Mr. Le Cras spoke on 'Sowing and Reaping' and Mrs. Short gave clairvoyant descriptions. Soloist, Captain Greenaway.—F. T. H.—*Hoe-gate Hall, Notte-street.*—On Sunday last Mr. T. Evans delivered a splendid address on 'The Great Purposes of Spiritualism,' and Mr. Eales gave excellent clairvoyant descriptions.—A. T. B.

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'Her Spirit Child.' By EFFIE BATHE. London: Pegg & Sons, Effie-road, Fulham. Price 4d.

'Art Ideals.' By E. NEWLANDSMITH. London: The Open Road Publishing Company, 11, Cursitor-street, W.C. Price 2s. 6d. *net.*

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TRANSITION.—The Hackney Society of Spiritualists deeply regrets to announce that another of its members, Madame Nellie Cope, passed to spirit life on the 16th inst., after a very short illness. Madame Cope, who generously placed her musical gifts at the Society's service and contributed in no small degree to the attractiveness of our Sunday meetings by her beautiful solos, will be greatly missed. Sincere sympathy is expressed for her aged mother and the other members of her family.—N. RIST, Hon. Secretary.

THE POWER OF THE WILL.—'Volo, or the Will,' by Arthur Lovell (J. Wooderson, 23, Oxford-street, W., price 2s. 6d. *net*) has now reached its third edition. The author shows that many of the old romances inculcate the lesson: 'In all difficulties Advance and Will, for within you is a power, a living force which, the more you trust and learn to use it, will annihilate the opposition of matter.' In the language of modern science, we are told, 'the problem of the Will is to bring the vibration of grosser matter into harmony with the vibration of thought; in other words, to realise in the material world the ideals of the thought-world.' The first requisite in Will-culture is to believe in the possibility of this harmony through will; then to meditate on it and practise it. Mr. Lovell shows that the ancient systems of initiation had for one of their main objects the strengthening of the will until the effects of will-power were realised and proved by repeated tests. The 'arcanum,' he says, which has always formed the very core of occultism, is 'the development of will-force. Adeptship or magic means a more exalted and sustained development of will-force than is found in the ordinary individual.' Among the effects of trained and directed will-power are the preservation of health, the cure of disease, the prolongation of life, and the development of psychic faculties.

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When you think that the time has come, let someone take command of the circle and act as spokesman. Explain to the unseen Intelligence that an agreed code of signals is desirable, and ask that a tilt may be given as the alphabet is slowly repeated, at the several letters which form the word that the Intelligence wishes to spell. It is convenient to use a single tilt for No, three for Yes, and two to express doubt or uncertainty.

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'The Immortality of the Human Soul Philosophically Explained.' By GEORGE FELL, S.J., translated by LAWRENCE VILLING, O.S.B. London: Sands & Co., 23, Bedford-street, W.C. Price 5s. *net.*

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Form a circle of from four to eight persons, half, or at least two, of negative, passive temperament and preferably of the female sex, the rest of a more positive type. Sit, positive and negative alternately, secure against disturbance, in subdued light, round an uncovered table of convenient size. Place the palms of the hands flat upon its upper surface. The hands of each sitter need not touch those of his neighbour, though the practice is frequently adopted.

Do not concentrate attention too fixedly on the expected manifestation. Engage in cheerful but not frivolous conversation. Avoid dispute or argument. Scepticism has no deterrent effect, but a bitter spirit of opposition in a person of determined will may totally stop or decidedly impede manifestations. If conversation flags, music is a great help, if it be agreeable to all, and not of a kind to irritate the sensitive ear. Patience is essential, and it may be necessary to meet ten or twelve times at short intervals, before anything occurs. If after such a trial you still fail, form a fresh circle. An hour should be the limit of an unsuccessful séance.

If the table moves, let your pressure be so gentle on its surface that you are sure you are not aiding its motions. After some time you will probably find that the movement will continue if your hands are held *over*, but not in contact with, it. Do not, however, try this until the movement is assured, and be in no hurry to get messages.

When you think that the time has come, let someone take command of the circle and act as spokesman. Explain to the unseen Intelligence that an agreed code of signals is desirable, and ask that a tilt may be given as the alphabet is slowly repeated, at the several letters which form the word that the Intelligence wishes to spell. It is convenient to use a single tilt for No, three for Yes, and two to express doubt or uncertainty.

When a satisfactory communication has been established, ask if you are rightly placed, and if not, what order you should take. After this ask who the Intelligence purports to be, which of the company is the medium, and such relevant questions. If confusion occurs, ascribe it to the difficulty that exists in directing the movements at first with exactitude. Patience will remedy this. If you only satisfy yourself at first that it is possible to speak with an Intelligence separate from that of any person present, you will have gained much.

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Do not concentrate attention too fixedly on the expected manifestation. Engage in cheerful but not frivolous conversation. Avoid dispute or argument. Scepticism has no deterrent effect, but a bitter spirit of opposition in a person of determined will may totally stop or decidedly impede manifestations. If conversation flags, music is a great help, if it be agreeable to all, and not of a kind to irritate the sensitive ear. Patience is essential, and it may be necessary to meet ten or twelve times at short intervals, before anything occurs. If after such a trial you still fail, form a fresh circle. An hour should be the limit of an unsuccessful séance.

If the table moves, let your pressure be so gentle on its surface that you are sure you are not aiding its motions. After some time you will probably find that the movement will continue if your hands are held *over*, but not in contact with, it. Do not, however, try this until the movement is assured, and be in no hurry to get messages.

When you think that the time has come, let someone take command of the circle and act as spokesman. Explain to the unseen Intelligence that an agreed code of signals is desirable, and ask that a tilt may be given as the alphabet is slowly repeated, at the several letters which form the word that the Intelligence wishes to spell. It is convenient to use a single tilt for No, three for Yes, and two to express doubt or uncertainty.

When a satisfactory communication has been established, ask if you are rightly placed, and if not, what order you should take. After this ask who the Intelligence purports to be, which of the company is the medium, and such relevant questions. If confusion occurs, ascribe it to the difficulty that exists in directing the movements at first with exactitude. Patience will remedy this. If you only satisfy yourself at first that it is possible to speak with an Intelligence separate from that of any person present, you will have gained much.

The signals may take the form of raps. If so, use the same code of signals, and ask as the raps become clear that they may be made on the table, or in a part of the room where they are demonstrably not produced by any natural means, but avoid any vexatious imposition of restriction on free communication. Let the Intelligence use its own means. It rests greatly with the sitters to make the manifestations elevating or frivolous and even tricky.

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DUNDEE.—CAMPERDOWN HALL, BARRACK-STREET.—The first annual business meeting on Thursday, the 4th inst., was largely attended, and the members were gratified with the splendid reports given by the secretary and treasurer. The income for the year was nearly sixty pounds, and after the expenses had been met a balance of nearly twenty-seven pounds was carried forward. We have one hundred and ten members, and splendid work is being done by Mr. D. Clark in our Lyceum, which numbers sixty-five. We are much indebted to many workers for their untiring efforts, notably to Mr. Jas. Inglis, our president, and to Mrs. Inglis, our resident clairvoyante; also to the spirit friends for their assistance. A members' developing circle is well attended, and we look forward hopefully.—J. M. S.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday next, at 2.20 and 6.30 p.m., and on Monday next, at 7.30 p.m., Mr. John Lobb will deliver addresses in the Corn Exchange, Lincoln. Mrs. J. A. Parr, Mayoress of Dewsbury, will preside. Solos will be rendered by Mr. C. A. Richardson. Collection on entrance.

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BAZAAR AT ILFORD.—A bazaar will be held on April 18th, 19th, and 20th by the Little Ilford Society of Christian Spiritualists, at the corner of Third-avenue, Manor Park, and we desire to appeal to all our friends to kindly support us, as we are trying to form a fund for a new hall. Mrs. Fairclough Smith has kindly consented to open the bazaar on the 18th. Gifts of money or goods will be thankfully accepted by the president of the working committee, Mrs. H. J. Abel, 30, Central Park-road, East Ham, or by Mrs. A. Jamrach, hon. sec., 202, Halley-road, Manor Park, E.

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HYDE.—SPIRITUALIST CHURCH.—On Sunday last Mr. John Lobb delivered interesting addresses, and the Rev. H. E. Dowson, Unitarian minister, and Mr. J. M. Firth, of Romiley, presided. Solos were well rendered by Miss Smith and Madame McEwen. The choir gave two anthems.

STOKE NEWINGTON.—GOTHIC HALL, 2, BOUVERIE-ROAD.—On Sunday morning last Mr. F. W. Flood spoke instructively on 'Mankind's Greatest Teachers.' In the evening, by a curious coincidence, Mr. J. Gambril Nicholson presented a similar topic, 'Spiritual Pioneers,' and his address was much appreciated.

PORTSMOUTH.—LESSER VICTORIA HALL.—On May 1st, Mr. Frost gave an excellent address on 'Ghosts,' and clairvoyant descriptions. On Sunday morning last Mr. Frost replied to questions from the audience, and in the evening spoke on 'Spiritualism: What is it?' and gave clairvoyant descriptions. Good audiences.—C. E. L.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—CORDWAINERS' HALL.—Dr. Blackburn, of Colne, Lancashire, after an absence of twenty-five years, visited this city recently and addressed good audiences on the principles and philosophy of magnetic and spiritual healing. After the lectures invalids were successfully magnetised.—R.

BOURNEMOUTH.—ASSEMBLY ROOM, TOWN HALL-AVENUE.—On Sunday last, morning and evening, Mrs. Fairclough Smith delivered addresses to crowded meetings on 'Spiritual Gifts' and 'Spiritualism: The Gospel of Love,' and gave clairvoyant descriptions. Dr. H. A. Roome, of Twickenham, also spoke in the evening.—F. J. B.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—MILTON-STREET.—On Sunday morning last Mrs. Knight opened an interesting discussion on 'Man, Apparent and Real.' In the evening Mr. W. E. Long delighted a large audience with his convincing address on 'A Religion of Ghosts.' Mrs. McPherson rendered a solo. Mr. Rundle gave clairvoyant descriptions.

BATTERSEA PARK-ROAD.—HENLEY-STREET.—On Sunday last, at the morning circle, successful tests were given. In the afternoon a fine meeting in Battersea Park was addressed by Mrs. H. Boddington, Messrs. Wright, Turner, and H. Boddington; Mr. Adams, chairman. In the evening Messrs. Rex, Wright, R. Boddington, and J. Adams spoke; Mr. Stebbens presided. Mr. and Mrs. Kunhart gave violin solos, and Miss Greenman sang.—W. R. S.

BRADFORD.—WESTGATE NEW HALL.—On the 4th inst. over one hundred persons attended a re-organising tea-meeting. Afterwards addresses were given by Mr. J. Smithson, president of the Yorkshire Union, Mr. R. Yates, of the National Union, Mrs. J. J. Parr, Mr. Joseph Armitage, Mrs. Beardsall, Mrs. Seed and Mrs. Harrison. Solos, recitals and pianoforte selections were given during the evening, and all the workers were heartily thanked. On Sunday last Mrs. Burchell gave good, helpful addresses, named a child, sang a solo, gave good clairvoyant descriptions and conducted an after-meeting.

NOTTINGHAM.—MECHANICS' LECTURE HALL.—On Sunday last, morning and evening, and on Monday, Mr. Ronald Brailey gave good addresses and blackboard drawings of spirit faces, including some convincing tests. On Monday evening Mr. Frank Squires was presented by Mr. Rees, the secretary, on behalf of the society and friends, with a Waterman fountain pen and gold watch and chain, suitably engraved, in recognition of his services as bookstall keeper, &c., on his leaving Nottingham for America. The presentation was feelingly acknowledged by Mr. Squires.—T. L. R.

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'How to Make a Man.' By ALFRED T. STORY. L. N. Fowler & Co., 7, Imperial-arcade, E.C. Price 2s. 6d. *net*.

'The Story of the Behai Movement.' By SYDNEY SPRAGUE. John M. Watkins, 21, Cecil-court, W.C. Price 1d.

'The Quest.' By JAMES H. COUSINS. Dublin and London: Maunsel & Co., Limited. Price 2s. 6d.

'Hydropathy for Home Use.' By ARCHIBALD HUNTER. Glasgow: Hay Nisbet & Co., Limited. Price 5s.

'Studies in Mysticism.' By ARTHUR EDWARD WAITE. London: Hodder & Stoughton. Price 10s. 6d. *net*.

'Marriage and Baby Culture.' By ARNOLD CROSSLEY. London: The Celtic Press, 38, Chancery-lane, W.C. Price 2s. 6d. *net*.

'The Hymns of Hermes.' By G. R. S. MEAD. Theosophical Publishing Society, 161, New Bond-street, W. Price 1s. *net*, cloth; 2s. 6d. leather.

'Consciousness: Animal, Human, and Superhuman.' By A. R. ORAGE. Theosophical Publishing Society, 161, New Bond-street, W. Price 2s. *net*.

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'Clothed with the Sun.' By ANNA KINGSFORD, M.D. Second Edition. Birmingham: The Ruskin Press, Stafford-street. Price 5s. *net*.

'A History of Ritualism.' By 'VOX CLAMANTIS.' The Open Road Publishing Company, 11, Cursitor-street, E.C. Price 3s. 6d. *net*.

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'Legal and Medical Aspects of Spiritualism.' By R. W. WADDY, M.A. Edinburgh: Pillans & Wilson, 86, Hanover-street. Price 6d.

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Form a circle of from four to eight persons, half, or at least two, of negative, passive temperament and preferably of the female sex, the rest of a more positive type. Sit, positive and negative alternately, secure against disturbance, in subdued light, round an uncovered table of convenient size. Place the palms of the hands flat upon its upper surface. The hands of each sitter need not touch those of his neighbour, though the practice is frequently adopted.

Do not concentrate attention too fixedly on the expected manifestation. Engage in cheerful but not frivolous conversation. Avoid dispute or argument. Scepticism has no deterrent effect, but a bitter spirit of opposition in a person of determined will may totally stop or decidedly impede manifestations. If conversation flags, music is a great help, if it be agreeable to all, and not of a kind to irritate the sensitive ear. Patience is essential, and it may be necessary to meet ten or twelve times at short intervals, before anything occurs. If after such a trial you still fail, form a fresh circle. An hour should be the limit of an unsuccessful séance.

If the table moves, let your pressure be so gentle on its surface that you are sure you are not aiding its motions. After some time you will probably find that the movement will continue if your hands are held *over*, but not in contact with, it. Do not, however, try this until the movement is assured, and be in no hurry to get messages.

When you think that the time has come, let someone take command of the circle and act as spokesman. Explain to the unseen Intelligence that an agreed code of signals is desirable, and ask that a tilt may be given as the alphabet is slowly repeated, at the several letters which form the word that the Intelligence wishes to spell. It is convenient to use a single tilt for No, three for Yes, and two to express doubt or uncertainty.

When a satisfactory communication has been established, ask if you are rightly placed, and if not, what order you should take. After this ask who the Intelligence purports to be, which of the company is the medium, and such relevant questions. If confusion occurs, ascribe it to the difficulty that exists in directing the movements at first with exactitude. Patience will remedy this. If you only satisfy yourself at first that it is possible to speak with an Intelligence separate from that of any person present, you will have gained much.

The signals may take the form of raps. If so, use the same code of signals, and ask as the raps become clear that they may be made on the table, or in a part of the room where they are demonstrably not produced by any natural means, but avoid any vexatious imposition of restriction on free communication. Let the Intelligence use its own means. It rests greatly with the sitters to make the manifestations elevating or frivolous and even tricky.

Should an attempt be made to entrance the medium, or to manifest by any violent methods, ask that the attempt may be deferred till you can secure the presence of some experienced Spiritualist. If this request is not heeded, discontinue the sitting. The process of developing a trance-medium is one that might disconcert an inexperienced inquirer.

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When a satisfactory communication has been established, ask if you are rightly placed, and if not, what order you should take. After this ask who the Intelligence purports to be, which of the company is the medium, and such relevant questions. If confusion occurs, ascribe it to the difficulty that exists in directing the movements at first with exactitude. Patience will remedy this. If you only satisfy yourself at first that it is possible to speak with an Intelligence separate from that of any person present, you will have gained much.

The signals may take the form of raps. If so, use the same code of signals, and ask as the raps become clear that they may be made on the table, or in a part of the room where they are demonstrably not produced by any natural means, but avoid any vexatious imposition of restriction on free communication. Let the Intelligence use its own means. It rests greatly with the sitters to make the manifestations elevating or frivolous and even tricky.

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Lastly, try the results you get by the light of Reason. Maintain a level head and a clear judgment. Do not believe everything you are told, for though the great unseen world contains many a wise and discerning spirit, it also has in it the accumulation of human folly, vanity, and error; and this lies nearer to the surface than that which is wise and good. Distrust the free use of great names. Never for a moment abandon the use of your reason. Do not enter into a very solemn investigation in a spirit of idle curiosity or frivolity. Cultivate a reverent desire for what is pure, good, and true. You will be repaid if you gain only a well-grounded conviction that there is a life after death, for which a pure and good life before death is the best and wisest preparation.

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If you wish to see whether Spiritualism is really only jugglery and imposture, try it by personal experiment. If you can get an introduction to some experienced Spiritualist on whose good faith you can rely, ask him for advice; and if he is holding private circles, seek permission to attend one to see how to conduct séances, and what to expect. There is, however, difficulty in obtaining access to private circles and, in any case, you must rely chiefly on experiences in your own family circle, or amongst your own friends, all strangers being excluded.

Form a circle of from four to eight persons, half, or at least two, of negative, passive temperament and preferably of the female sex, the rest of a more positive type. Sit, positive and negative alternately, secure against disturbance, in subdued light, round an uncovered table of convenient size. Place the palms of the hands flat upon its upper surface. The hands of each sitter need not touch those of his neighbour, though the practice is frequently adopted.

Do not concentrate attention too fixedly on the expected manifestation. Engage in cheerful but not frivolous conversation. Avoid dispute or argument. Scepticism has no deterrent effect, but a bitter spirit of opposition in a person of determined will may totally stop or decidedly impede manifestations. If conversation flags, music is a great help, if it be agreeable to all, and not of a kind to irritate the sensitive ear. Patience is essential, and it may be necessary to meet ten or twelve times at short intervals, before anything occurs. If after such a trial you still fail, form a fresh circle. An hour should be the limit of an unsuccessful séance.

If the table moves, let your pressure be so gentle on its surface that you are sure you are not aiding its motions. After some time you will probably find that the movement will continue if your hands are held *over*, but not in contact with, it. Do not, however, try this until the movement is assured, and be in no hurry to get messages.

When you think that the time has come, let someone take command of the circle and act as spokesman. Explain to the unseen Intelligence that an agreed code of signals is desirable, and ask that a tilt may be given as the alphabet is slowly repeated, at the several letters which form the word that the Intelligence wishes to spell. It is convenient to use a single tilt for No, three for Yes, and two to express doubt or uncertainty.

When a satisfactory communication has been established, ask if you are rightly placed, and if not, what order you should take. After this ask who the Intelligence purports to be, which of the company is the medium, and such relevant questions. If confusion occurs, ascribe it to the difficulty that exists in directing the movements at first with exactitude. Patience will remedy this. If you only satisfy yourself at first that it is possible to speak with an Intelligence separate from that of any person present, you will have gained much.

The signals may take the form of raps. If so, use the same code of signals, and ask as the raps become clear that they may be made on the table, or in a part of the room where they are demonstrably not produced by any natural means, but avoid any vexatious imposition of restriction on free communication. Let the Intelligence use its own means. It rests greatly with the sitters to make the manifestations elevating or frivolous and even tricky.

Should an attempt be made to entrance the medium, or to manifest by any violent methods, ask that the attempt may be deferred till you can secure the presence of some experienced Spiritualist. If this request is not heeded, discontinue the sitting. The process of developing a trance-medium is one that might disconcert an inexperienced inquirer.

Lastly, try the results you get by the light of Reason. Maintain a level head and a clear judgment. Do not believe everything you are told, for though the great unseen world contains many a wise and discerning spirit, it also has in it the accumulation of human folly, vanity, and error; and this lies nearer to the surface than that which is wise and good. Distrust the free use of great names. Never for a moment abandon the use of your reason. Do not enter into a very solemn investigation in a spirit of idle curiosity or frivolity. Cultivate a reverent desire for what is pure, good, and true. You will be repaid if you gain only a well-grounded conviction that there is a life after death, for which a pure and good life before death is the best and wisest preparation.

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SPIRITUALISM IN DEVONSHIRE.—The fifth annual conference of the Devonshire and District Spiritualist Union was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Morley-street, Plymouth, on July 17th, under the presidency of Mr. H. B. Rabbich (Paignton), who said that Spiritualism had helped him to live on a higher plane than before. The secretary, Mr. Elvin Frankish, said in his report that the work of the Union had been done more by correspondence than by the holding of meetings. Efforts had been made in various places to find people who were sufficiently interested and spiritual to carry forward the work. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. H. B. Rabbich (Paignton); vice-presidents, Mr. T. W. Letheren (Exeter) and Mr. A. T. Blamey; hon. treasurers, Mrs. Letheren (Exeter) and Mr. Clairs (Plymouth); hon. secretary, Mr. Elvin Frankish (Exeter); assistant hon. secretary, Mr. Willie Evans (Plymouth); executive committee, Mr. Eales, Miss Wakeham, Mrs. Short (Plymouth), Mr. J. Powley, Mrs. M. A. Granger, and Mr. H. Salter (Exeter). In the evening Mr. John Lobb addressed a large public meeting on 'The Spirit World.'

NEW PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

'The Hibbert Journal,' for July. Williams & Norgate, 14, Henrietta-street, W.C. Price 2s. 6d. quarterly.

'John Philpott Curran.' By 'R. W. W.' Dublin: Sealy, Bryers & Walker. Price 1s.

'Sepharial's Perpetual British Weather Indicator.' London: Philip Wellby, 6, Henrietta-street, W.C. Price 1s.

'Sesame and Lilies.' By JOHN RUSKIN. Popular edition, unabridged. A. C. Fifield, 44, Fleet-street, E.C. Price 3d. *net*, cloth 6d. *net*.

'London Matriculation Directory, June, 1907.' University Correspondence College, 32, Red Lion-square, W.C. Price 1s. *net*.

'Seen and Unseen.' By E. KATHARINE BATES. London: Greening & Co., Limited, 91, St. Martin's-lane, W.C. Price 6s., post free.

'Proceedings of the American Society for Psychical Research.' Vol. I., Part 2. Boston, Mass.: Small, Maynard & Co., 15, Beacon-street. Price 2dol.

MONTHLY MAGAZINES.—'The Theosophical Review' (1s.), 'Swastika' (10 cents), 'Harbinger of Light' (Melbourne, 6d.), 'Herald of the Cross' (2d.), 'Metaphysical Magazine' (20 cents), 'The Annals of Psychical Science' (1s.), 'The Open Road' (3d.), 'The Hindu Spiritual Magazine' (1s.), 'The Mountain Pine' (10 cents), 'Journal of the American S.P.R.' (50 cents), 'The Theosophist' (1s.).

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Form a circle of from four to eight persons, half, or at least two, of negative, passive temperament and preferably of the female sex, the rest of a more positive type. Sit, positive and negative alternately, secure against disturbance, in subdued light, round an uncovered table of convenient size. Place the palms of the hands flat upon its upper surface. The hands of each sitter need not touch those of his neighbour, though the practice is frequently adopted.

Do not concentrate attention too fixedly on the expected manifestation. Engage in cheerful but not frivolous conversation. Avoid dispute or argument. Scepticism has no deterrent effect, but a bitter spirit of opposition in a person of determined will may totally stop or decidedly impede manifestations. If conversation flags, music is a great help, if it be agreeable to all, and not of a kind to irritate the sensitive ear. Patience is essential, and it may be necessary to meet ten or twelve times at short intervals, before anything occurs. If after such a trial you still fail, form a fresh circle. An hour should be the limit of an unsuccessful séance.

If the table moves, let your pressure be so gentle on its surface that you are sure you are not aiding its motions. After some time you will probably find that the movement will continue if your hands are held *over*, but not in contact with, it. Do not, however, try this until the movement is assured, and be in no hurry to get messages.

When you think that the time has come, let someone take command of the circle and act as spokesman. Explain to the unseen Intelligence that an agreed code of signals is desirable, and ask that a tilt may be given as the alphabet is slowly repeated, at the several letters which form the word that the Intelligence wishes to spell. It is convenient to use a single tilt for No, three for Yes, and two to express doubt or uncertainty.

When a satisfactory communication has been established, ask if you are rightly placed, and if not, what order you should take. After this ask who the Intelligence purports to be, which of the company is the medium, and such relevant questions. If confusion occurs, ascribe it to the difficulty that exists in directing the movements at first with exactitude. Patience will remedy this. If you only satisfy yourself at first that it is possible to speak with an Intelligence separate from that of any person present, you will have gained much.

The signals may take the form of raps. If so, use the same code of signals, and ask as the raps become clear that they may be made on the table, or in a part of the room where they are demonstrably not produced by any natural means, but avoid any vexatious imposition of restriction on free communication. Let the Intelligence use its own means. It rests greatly with the sitters to make the manifestations elevating or frivolous and even tricky.

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Form a circle of from four to eight persons, half, or at least two, of negative, passive temperament and preferably of the female sex, the rest of a more positive type. Sit, positive and negative alternately, secure against disturbance, in subdued light, round an uncovered table of convenient size. Place the palms of the hands flat upon its upper surface. The hands of each sitter need not touch those of his neighbour, though the practice is frequently adopted.

Do not concentrate attention too fixedly on the expected manifestation. Engage in cheerful but not frivolous conversation. Avoid dispute or argument. Scepticism has no deterrent effect, but a bitter spirit of opposition in a person of determined will may totally stop or decidedly impede manifestations. If conversation flags, music is a great help, if it be agreeable to all, and not of a kind to irritate the sensitive ear. Patience is essential, and it may be necessary to meet ten or twelve times at short intervals, before anything occurs. If after such a trial you still fail, form a fresh circle. An hour should be the limit of an unsuccessful séance.

If the table moves, let your pressure be so gentle on its surface that you are sure you are not aiding its motions. After some time you will probably find that the movement will continue if your hands are held over, but not in contact with, it. Do not, however, try this until the movement is assured, and be in no hurry to get messages.

When you think that the time has come, let someone take command of the circle and act as spokesman. Explain to the unseen Intelligence that an agreed code of signals is desirable, and ask that a tilt may be given as the alphabet is slowly repeated, at the several letters which form the word that the Intelligence wishes to spell. It is convenient to use a single tilt for No, three for Yes, and two to express doubt or uncertainty.

When a satisfactory communication has been established, ask if you are rightly placed, and if not, what order you should take. After this ask who the Intelligence purports to be, which of the company is the medium, and such relevant questions. If confusion occurs, ascribe it to the difficulty that exists in directing the movements at first with exactitude. Patience will remedy this. If you only satisfy yourself at first that it is possible to speak with an Intelligence separate from that of any person present, you will have gained much.

The signals may take the form of raps. If so, use the same code of signals, and ask as the raps become clear that they may be made on the table, or in a part of the room where they are demonstrably not produced by any natural means, but avoid any vexatious imposition of restriction on free communication. Let the Intelligence use its own means. It rests greatly with the sitters to make the manifestations elevating or frivolous and even tricky.

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—MILTON-STREET.—On Sunday last Mr. Murrow read an interesting paper on 'Can a Christian be a Spiritualist?' Mr. Rundle conducted the after-circle, and Mrs. Smith rendered a solo.

GLASGOW.—ASSEMBLY ROOMS, 136, BATH-STREET.—On Sunday last, morning and evening, Mr. Will Phillips addressed appreciative audiences on 'Signs of the Times,' and 'Resurrection.'—H.A.K.

NORTHAMPTON.—ST. MICHAEL'S-ROAD.—On Sunday last Mr. David Ward conducted the Harvest Festival, and gave convincing clairvoyant descriptions. On Monday, after a tea was given by Mrs. Roch, a concert was held.—G.T.R.

PORTSMOUTH.—LESSER VICTORIA HALL.—On Sunday last, morning and evening, Mr. S. Timpson lectured on 'Psychometry and Clairvoyance' to good audiences. On the 18th inst., at 1a, Waterloo-street, Mrs. Wilson gave well-recognised clairvoyant descriptions.—C. E. L.

BOURNEMOUTH.—ASSEMBLY ROOMS, TOWN HALL-AVENUE.—On Sunday last Mr. J. Adams' address on 'Man's Place in the Universe' was received with appreciation by a large gathering. Mr. Stacey gave excellent psychometric and clairvoyant delineations.—F. T. B.

SOUTHAMPTON.—WAVERLEY HALL, ST. MARY'S-ROAD.—On Sunday last Mr. Old's instructive address on 'What is Truth?' was well received, also Mr. Harvey's clairvoyant descriptions. On the 16th and 18th inst. a development class and séance were held.—S. A. D.

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DUNDEE.—FORESTERS' HALL, RATTRAY-STREET.—On Sunday last interesting addresses on the 'Hindu Religion' and 'Experiences' were delivered by Mr. C. C. Armitage, secretary to the Calcutta Psychical Society.—J. M.

PRESENTATION AT GLASGOW.

On the 18th inst. a meeting of members and friends of the Glasgow Association and Lyceum was held to bid farewell to Mrs. Sudall and family, who left for America on the 20th, to rejoin Mr. Sudall. They have been active workers in Darwen and later in Glasgow, where their arduous and devoted services to the Association, Lyceum, and the movement generally have aroused hearty recognition and appreciation. Mr. Young presented Mrs. Sudall with an illuminated address for Mr. Sudall, sen., and a purse for herself; Mr. Sudall, jun., was presented by Mr. Stewart, the Lyceum conductor, with an illuminated address, and his sisters received an umbrella. Mrs. Sudall and Mr. Sudall, jun., suitably replied to the many expressions of goodwill and desires for the future welfare and happiness of the family.

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Form a circle of from four to eight persons, half, or at least two, of negative, passive temperament and preferably of the female sex, the rest of a more positive type. Sit, positive and negative alternately, secure against disturbance, in subdued light, round an uncovered table of convenient size. Place the palms of the hands flat upon its upper surface. The hands of each sitter need not touch those of his neighbour, though the practice is frequently adopted.

Do not concentrate attention too fixedly on the expected manifestation. Engage in cheerful but not frivolous conversation. Avoid dispute or argument. Scepticism has no deterrent effect, but a bitter spirit of opposition in a person of determined will may totally stop or decidedly impede manifestations. If conversation flags, music is a great help, if it be agreeable to all, and not of a kind to irritate the sensitive ear. Patience is essential, and it may be necessary to meet ten or twelve times at short intervals, before anything occurs. If after such a trial you still fail, form a fresh circle. An hour should be the limit of an unsuccessful séance.

If the table moves, let your pressure be so gentle on its surface that you are sure you are not aiding its motions. After some time you will probably find that the movement will continue if your hands are held *over*, but not in contact with, it. Do not, however, try this until the movement is assured, and be in no hurry to get messages.

When you think that the time has come, let someone take command of the circle and act as spokesman. Explain to the unseen Intelligence that an agreed code of signals is desirable, and ask that a tilt may be given as the alphabet is slowly repeated, at the several letters which form the word that the Intelligence wishes to spell. It is convenient to use a single tilt for No, three for Yes, and two to express doubt or uncertainty.

When a satisfactory communication has been established, ask if you are rightly placed, and if not, what order you should take. After this ask who the Intelligence purports to be, which of the company is the medium, and such relevant questions. If confusion occurs, ascribe it to the difficulty that exists in directing the movements at first with exactitude. Patience will remedy this. If you only satisfy yourself at first that it is possible to speak with an Intelligence separate from that of any person present, you will have gained much.

The signals may take the form of raps. If so, use the same code of signals, and ask as the raps become clear that they may be made on the table, or in a part of the room where they are demonstrably not produced by any natural means, but avoid any vexatious imposition of restriction on free communication. Let the Intelligence use its own means. It rests greatly with the sitters to make the manifestations elevating or frivolous and even tricky.

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'London University Guide and University Correspondence College Calendar, 1908.' Burlington House, Cambridge. Gratis.

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DUNDEE.—CAMPERDOWN HALL, BARRACK-STREET.—On Sunday last, morning and evening, addresses from a visiting friend on 'Spiritualism and the Bible,' and the president on 'Truth, the Redeemer,' were highly appreciated by large gatherings. A Lyceumist rendered a solo beautifully, and Mr. E. Graham gave a selection on the piano. Mr. Featherstone's meetings will be advertised shortly.—J. M. S.

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NORWICH.—71, POTTERGATE-STREET.—On Sunday last, at a well-attended public meeting, Mrs. Muskett gave a good address on 'The Necessity of Creating Good Conditions.'—D.

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At the annual general meeting, held on the 4th inst., the secretary, in submitting the balance-sheet, referred to the continued sound financial state of the society after ten years' propaganda work, and read a letter from Mr. Andrew Glendinning congratulating the committee on the result of their efforts. The following officers were elected: Mr. N. Rist, president; Mr. H. Bryceson and Mr. O. Kottnitz, vice-presidents; Mr. N. Rist, hon. secretary; Mr. Adlam, assistant secretary; Mr. H. Brooks, treasurer.

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DIET AND HEALTH.

Mr. Sidney H. Beard, President of the Order of the Golden Age, lectured, on the 18th inst., before the Psycho-Therapeutic Society at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, on 'Diet in Relation to Health,' Mr. George Spriggs (President of the society) in the chair. Mr. Beard remarked that while great care was often employed in the building of houses, few persons troubled about the science of dietetics, which might be termed 'the art of body building,' and it was owing to this neglect that hospitals, asylums, and prisons were overcrowded, and that physical deterioration was everywhere apparent. The more intelligent members of the community were, however, getting tired of taking pills and drugs, and of paying doctors' bills, to say nothing of parting with large fees for the privilege of being operated upon for appendicitis, and they were realising that pure food made pure blood, and that pure blood and strong vitality gave immunity from disease. Proceeding, the lecturer argued that flesh food was unnatural, unnecessary and injurious, and claimed that when properly nourished upon non-inflammatory diet, rich in proteid and nerve and tissue-building substance—such as nuts, cereal foods, legumes, fruits, and dairy produce—men were in little danger of taking alcohol to excess, and he pointed out that the land would support about eight times as many men when devoted to the production of fruit, cereals, and market garden crops, as it would when used for feeding cattle. 'Back to the land,' he said, was the real remedy for the sorrows of slumdom, and for our racial deterioration; and a national food reformation was essential as a preliminary step.—COR.

NEW PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

'The History of the Book War: Fair Prices *versus* Trust Prices.' 'Times' Office, Printing House-square, E.C.

'Behind the Scenes with the Mediums.' By DAVID P. ABBOTT. Chicago: Open Court Publishing Company; London: Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner & Co., Ltd. Price 7s. 6d.

'The Triumph of Woman: Prose Essays.' By GEORGE BARLOW. Henry J. Glaisher, 57, Wigmore-street, Cavendish-square, W. Price 1s. *net.*

'New (?) Theology: Thoughts on the Immanence of God.' By the VEN. BASIL WILBERFORCE, D.D. Elliot Stock, 62, Paternoster-row, E.C. Price 5s.

'The Deeper Meaning of the Struggle in India.' By ANANDA K. COOMARASWAMY. Essex House, Broad Campden, Glos. Price 4d., post free.

'A Soul's Pilgrimage.' By ANNIE BRIGHT. Melbourne: G. Robertson & Co. Price 5s. 4d. post free, from Office of 'LIGHT.'

MONTHLY MAGAZINES.—'The Theosophical Review' (1s.), 'Progressive Thought' (Sydney, 6d.), 'Harbinger of Light' (Melbourne, 6d.), 'The Nautilus' (10 cents), 'Hindu Spiritual Magazine' (1s.), 'Mountain Pine' (Colorado, 10 cents), 'Journal of American S.P.R.' (50 cents), 'Annals of Psychical Science' (1s.).

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GLASGOW.—ASSEMBLY ROOMS, 136, BATH-STREET.—On Sunday last, morning and evening, Mr. D. S. Ward addressed appreciative audiences on 'Heaven' and 'Proofs of the Life after Death.'—H. A. K.

READING.—CROSS-STREET HALL.—On Sunday last Mr. P. R. Street gave an interesting address on 'Our Mission to Mankind' to a large audience, and his clairvoyant descriptions were immediately recognised.—L.

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SOUTHSEA.—ALEXANDRA HALL, BRADFORD-ROAD.—On Sunday last Mr. A. Campbell delivered addresses on 'The Lord's Prayer' and 'Dead Souls' to large audiences. Mrs. Wilson gave clairvoyant descriptions, all but one being recognised.—I. W. M.

BRADFORD.—WESTGATE NEW HALL.—On Sunday afternoon last Mrs. H. L. Batie delivered a fine address on 'Is Man Conscious of His Consciousness?' and in the evening her answers to questions from the audience were much appreciated.—J. B.

FINSBURY PARK.—19, STROUD GREEN-ROAD.—On Sunday last Mr. J. C. Thompson delivered an instructive address. Mrs. Jones gave a note of warning and said that Spiritualists must stand firm and live up to the teachings. Messrs. Hewitt and Emms also spoke.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—MILTON-STREET.—On November 29th Mr. Wyett read a good paper on 'The Dark and Light Sides of Civilisation.' On Sunday evening last Mr. John Adams gave a stirring address on 'Man's Place in the Universe.' Mrs. Macpherson rendered two solos with organ accompaniment by Mr. Bolton.

SOUTHAMPTON.—WAVERLEY HALL, ST. MARY'S-ROAD.—On Sunday last Mr. Old's able paper on 'What is the Christ?' was greatly appreciated by a large audience. Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Bailey, and Mrs. Metcalf gave well-recognised clairvoyant descriptions. At a members' meeting satisfactory reports of progress were given.—S. A. D.

PORTSMOUTH.—LESSER VICTORIA HALL.—On November 27th Mrs. M. Davies lectured on 'Spiritualism Upheld.' On Sunday last, morning and evening, Mrs. H. Boddington delivered powerful addresses on 'Revelation' and 'Manifestations of the Spirit,' and gave convincing clairvoyant descriptions to large audiences.—G. McF.

MANOR PARK AND EAST HAM.—OLD COUNCIL ROOMS, WAKEFIELD-STREET.—On November 29th Mr. Turner spoke on 'Morning Joy,' and gave psychometrical delineations. On Sunday morning last Mr. Coote delivered an address on 'Spiritual Progression,' and in the evening Mr. Thomas May lectured thoughtfully on 'Certainty and Faith.'—A. H. S.

BOURNEMOUTH.—ASSEMBLY ROOMS, TOWN HALL-AVENUE.—On Sunday morning last Mrs. M. H. Wallis answered questions in a convincing manner. In the evening her address on 'Children in the Spirit World' was received with marked attention by a large gathering, after which Mrs. Wallis gave well-recognised clairvoyant descriptions.—F. T. B.

CIRENCESTER.—On Sunday last, morning and evening, Mr. John Lobb's addresses in the Apsley Hall excited much interest, being the first Spiritualist public meetings held here. A special motor-train was run from Swindon, returning after the evening meeting.—M. O. K.

LITTLE ILFORD.—CORNER OF THIRD-AVENUE, CHURCH-ROAD, MANOR PARK.—On Sunday afternoon last at the Conference meeting, Mr. T. Brooks read a paper on 'Healing,' which aroused an interesting discussion. Mr. Tayler Gwinn presided. In the evening Mr. Percy Smyth gave an eloquent address. Mr. Abel presided and conducted the after-circle.

PLYMOUTH.—ODDFELLOWS' HALL, MORLEY-STREET.—On Sunday last Mr. Clavis spoke on Revelations xxii., 9, and Mrs. Short gave clairvoyant descriptions. Solo by Mrs. Martin.—F. T. H.—*Hoe-gate Hall, Notte-street.*—On Sunday last Mr. W. H. Evans gave an excellent address on 'The Law of Suggestion as Appertaining to Spiritualism.' Mr. J. Eales gave well-recognised clairvoyant descriptions.—F. T. B.

MARYLEBONE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION.

A successful social gathering of members and friends of the Marylebone Spiritualist Association was held on Monday evening, November 25th, at Caxton Hall, Victoria-street, W., and a most enjoyable evening was spent. In the absence of the president, Mr. G. Spriggs occupied the chair. Mrs. Everitt, who had just returned from a visit to the North of England, was heartily welcomed. The musical arrangements were admirably carried out by Miss Clarice B. Laughton, musical director of the Association, ably supported by Miss Edith Brinkley, Miss Emery, Mr. E. Meads, and Mr. W. Tregale, and a charming duet was rendered by Miss Laughton and Mr. Tregale. Mr. G. Spriggs, on behalf of the council of the Association, heartily thanked the artistes for their valuable services. The vote was seconded by Mr. Leigh Hunt, and carried with acclamation, and Mr. Ernest Meads suitably replied.—A. J. W.

BRIXTON.—To assist the extension fund of the Brixton Spiritual Brotherhood Church a drawing-room séance will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Waterman, 'Homelands,' 55, Loughborough-park, Brixton, on Monday, the 16th inst., at 3 for 3.30 p.m., at which Madame Zeilah Lee will give illustrations of clairvoyance. Tea will be provided. For full particulars see the advertisement in this issue of 'LIGHT.' The Church will leave the Mayall-road premises at the end of the year, and as a considerable sum is required to get into new and more commodious ones free of debt, Mr. Waterman, the hon. secretary, will be pleased to receive contributions from sympathetic friends.

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If the table moves, let your pressure be so gentle on its surface that you are sure you are not aiding its motions. After some time you will probably find that the movement will continue if your hands are held *over*, but not in contact with, it. Do not, however, try this until the movement is assured, and be in no hurry to get messages.

When you think that the time has come, let someone take command of the circle and act as spokesman. Explain to the unseen Intelligence that an agreed code of signals is desirable, and ask that a tilt may be given as the alphabet is slowly repeated, at the several letters which form the word that the Intelligence wishes to spell. It is convenient to use a single tilt for No, three for Yes, and two to express doubt or uncertainty.

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